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SUBJECT: WEST BANK AND JERUSALEM PRESS REVIEW JUNE 11
1. SUMMARY:
--PRESS REACTION CONTINUES TO ISRAELI RAID ON IRAQI NUCLEAR SITE.
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--MILGOV CONTINUES RESTRICTIONS ON MAYORS' ACTIVITIES.
--WEST BANK REACTIONS TO ISRAELI SETTLEMENT ACTIVITIES.
2. REACTION QRAID:
--ALL PAPERS COVER INTERNATIONAL AND ARAB REACTIONS TO THE ISRAELI RAID. AL-QUDS AND ASHA'B REPORT THE U.S. DECISION TO DELAY PLANE DELIVERIES AS "FLASH" ITEMS BUT APPARENTLY HAD NOT ENOUGH TIME TO EDITORIALIZE ON THE U.S. DECISION. EDITORIALS IN ALL THREE ARABIC DAILY PAPERS ARE AGAIN CONCERNED WITH THE RAID. AL-QUDS SAYS THAT NOW THAT BEGIN HAS GIVEN HIS SIDE OF THE STORY ARABS ARE WAITING FOR EXPLANATIONS FROM ARAB LEADERS ABOUT WHY THE RAID WAS ALLOWED TO SUCCEED. AL FAJR SAYS THAT BEGIN'S RAID SETS AN UNHEALTHY PRE-CEDENT WHICH COULD LEAD TO OTHER SIMILAR RAIDS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD. AL FAJR CONTINUES BY ASKING WHY UNSUPERVISED ISRAELI SITES ARE NOT LEGITIMATE

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TARGETS IF A WELL-INSPECTED IRAQI SITE IS A LEGITIMATE TARGET. ASHA'B ACCUSES THE U.S. OF PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF THE RAID EITHER FROM ISRAELI SOURCE OR "FROM AWACS AND SPY-SHIPS" AND ASKS HOW THE U.S. CAN EXPECT THE HABIB MISSION TO SUCCEED AFTER THE VISAGE OF THE "UGLY AMERICAN" HAS BEEN EXPOSED OVER BAGHDAD.

3. MILGOV RESTRICTIONS:

A) AL QUDS REPORTS THAT THE RAMALLAH MILITARY GOVERNOR DEMANDED CANCELLATION OF A TOPPING-OFF CEREMONY AT A BUILDING IN RAMALLAH ATTENDED BY MAYORS KHALAF

(RAMALLAH) AND TAWIL (AL-BIREH) ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT VIOLATED MILGOV REGULATIONS WHICH REQUIRE A PERMIT FOR AN ASSEMBLY OF MORE THAN TEN PEOPLE. THE MAYORS EXPLAINED THAT THEY WERE PARTICIPATING ONLY TO HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR THE FAMILY REVIVAL SOCIETY AND THAT THE ASSEMBLY WAS NOT POLITICAL IN NATURE. BOTH WERE ORDERED TO APPEAR LATER AT THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE.

B) AL FAJR REPORTS MAYOR SHAKA'A OF NABLUS WAS FORBIDDEN BY IDF FORCES AND THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT TO ATTEND THE TRIALS OF A NEW PUMP AT THE AL FARA'S WELL, PART OF THE NABLUS WATER SYSTEM. THE WELL AND CONNECTING PIPELINES WERE CONSTRUCTED BY TWO ISRAELI FIRMS.

C) AL FAJR ALSO REPORTS THAT VILLAGE COUNCILORS IN AL-YAMOUN ARE "DEMANDING" PERMISSION OF THE MILGOV FOR THEIR MAYOR TO GO TO AMMAN TO RECEIVE FUNDS FOR VILLAGE PROJECTS. SO FAR, PERMISSION TO TRAVEL HAS BEEN DENIED TO THE MAYOR.

4. REACTIONS TO SETTLEMENT ACTIVITIES:

A. ALL PAPERS REPORT AL-BIREH RESIDENTS HAVE REQUESTED EXPLANATIONS FROM AL-BIREH MAYOR TAWIL AND THE MILGOV CONCERNING GOI PLANS TO BUILD A NEW SETTLEMENT EAST OF AL-BIREH. TAWIL IS QUOTED AS HAVING SAID THAT THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT HAD PROMISED NO SETTLEMENT WOULD BE BUILT ON JEBAL TAWIL SHORTLY AFTER 5,000 DUNAMS OF "PRIVATELY OWNED LAND" WERE SEIZED "FOR MILITARY USE" IN 1976. TAWIL IS NOW SAID TO BE DEMANDING THAT THE MILGOV PROMISE BE KEPT.

B. ACCORDING TO ASHA'B VILLAGERS OF IRTAS, SOUTH

OF BETHLEHEM, HAVE BEEN GRANTED A RESTRAINING

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ORDER BY THE ISRAELI SUPREME COURT WHICH PREVENTS
MILGOV AUTHORITIES FROM ALLOWING ANY WORK TO
PROCEED AT A SETTLEMENT SITE NEAR THEIR VILLAGE UNTIL
AFTER JUNE 22. THE ORDER, WHICH IS EXTENDABLE,
GIVES VILLAGERS ADDITIONAL TIME TO PROVE OWNERSHIP.
LANDOWNERS CLAIM TO HAVE TURKISH DOCUMENTATION
OF OWNERSHIP.
5. ALSO REPORTED:
A. FARMERS IN JERICHO ARE PETITIONING MILGOV AUTHORITIES
FOR PERMISSION TO DRAW 50 PERCENT MORE WATER FROM
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ARAB WELLS IN THE JERICHO REGION CLAIMING THAT CURRENT
RESTRICTIONS ON PUMPING LIMIT THEM TO HALF THE
ARABLE LAND AVAILABLE TO THEM.
B. 'ARABA VILLAGE (NEAR JENIN IN THE NORTHERN
WEST BANK) HAS RECEIVED JD33,000 FOR VILLAGE
PROJECTS FROM THE JOINT FUND. SEVERAL OTHER PROJECTS
ARE AWAITING MILGOV APPROVAL. GROVE
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